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D. Shaw.



According to your request, you
shal hereby vnderstand what
you may truely saye & answere
vpon such questions as it see-
meth you haue harde, of the
late execution of .D. Storie, who suffered at
Tiburne the first of Iune last.

It is notozious howe euill and vnloyally
he behaued hym selfe here in Englande be-
foze he departed the Realme, and howe ear-
nest a persecutoz after ward he was of all the
good subiectes of Englande, hauyng cause
to be in the lowe countreys, both befoze the
arrest made of late by the Duke of Alua, as
sence that tyme a multitude of honest mar-
chauntes knowe it, both Englyshe & others,
and a great number haue felt it by imprison-
ment pzoured by hym, and by seasyng and
confiscatyng of their goodes, so as there is
no doubt to be made, but that he was to his
pouer as earnest an enemye to the state of
Englande his naturall countrey, and the
Queenes Maiesties good subiectes, as any
man borne in this Realme coulde be. Neuer-
thelesse, because at the place of his execution
befoze his death, he vsed long & many spee-
ches to moue some of simple vnderstandyng,

so that dyd not knowe his rancor and malice
agaynst the Queenes Maiestie, and the state
of this Realme, and so that it was not then
conuenient, nor at least coulde be imagined
afozehande that he woulde haue vsed suche
speeches at that tyme, and so he was suffered
to speake altogether without contradiction,
whereby the trueth percase may be made to
you obscure, you shall vnderstande of what
detestable crymes he was gyltie, and there-
with shoulde haue ben particulerly charged
at the tyme of his arraignment in the kyn-
ges Benche, but that he craftly and trayto-
rously, knowyng by his examination wher-
with he was to be charged, and howe much
he hym selfe had confessed in the Towre: and
beyng wyttten in certayne leaues of paper
had subscribed with his owne hande wy-
tyng, refused to haue any tryall made there-
of, alleaging that he ought not to answer,
nor would answer, because he was subiect
to the kyng of Spayne, and not subiect to
the Queenes Maiestie & the crowne of Eng-
lande: and so although he was charitably,
earnestly, and reasonably required at his ar-
raignment to answer to the matters wher-
with he was charged by inditement, as a
hozne subiect of this Realme, yet he woulde
not,

not, but traytoꝝously refused to answere thereto, in such sort, as if he had ben indyted of felonie, as he was of hygh treason, he should for his not answering haue suffred the payne of pꝛessyng to death, which maner of iudgemēt is not vsed in cases of treasoꝝ by the lawes of the Realme, but was adiudged gyltie of the treasons conteyned in the inditement, as of necessitie and iustice he ought to be, for other iudgement coulde not be geuen: and so by iustice of lawe he was iudged to the death which he suffred. But for that it may serue to the satisfaction of all men, to consyder howe farre he was gyltie of the treasons conteyned in his indytement, hereafter foloweth a true, iuste, and playne report of the matters, both wherof he was accused and examined, and which also he did confesse in the Towꝛe.

He was to be charged that he dyd traytoꝝously conspire agaynst the Queenes Maiestie, with one Prestall an Englyshe man, who was a fugityue, and pꝛincipall deuילוꝝ of the first Treason intended by the young Pooles. xi. yeres past, and therof was indited and outlawed: and afterwarde of late tyme he pꝛactised an other great treason
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With certayne persons, wherof one disclosed
the same to the Duke of Norfolk, who also
verye duetifullpe reuealed the same to the
Queenes Maiestie, whereupon the sayde
Prestal beyng sought for to be apprehended,
fledde into Scotlande, where also he toynd
hym selfe with the Englyshe rebelles, and
there attempted sundry treasons against her
Maiestie, and from thence he fledde into
Flanders. With this maner of Traytoz
had this. D. Storie a continuall intelli-
gence to further his treasons, insomuche as
he sayde, not long befoze he came into Eng-
lande, to one that for dueties sake disclosed
it, & is redy to proue it, that Prestall shoulde
or it were long, be the leader of .xl. thousand
men into Englande, agaynst that woman
whiche toke vpon her to be Rucene, and of
the same Storie, I woulde to God she were
in the bottome of the sea, with other vile and
reprochfull wordes not meete to be reported.
With which traytorous speeches he shoulde
haue ben charged, yf he woulde haue abyde-
den tryall accoording to the lawes of the
Realme.

The sayde Storie sayde also in the pre-
sence of two persons of Englysh byrth, who
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were redy to haue charged hym therewith,
yf he woulde haue stande to tryall, that he
had witten letters to Burels, that yf the
matters coneyned therein shoulde be reuea-
led where he shoulde be charged therewith,
he shoulde be hanged, dza wen, & quartered.
And immediatly after this speeche he went
to Burels with Prestall, where he and
Prestall were rewarded with money: and
there Prestall declared to certayne persons,
redy also to haue answred the same, that
he had opened his whole purposes to .D.
Stoꝝy, whereto .D. Stoꝝy was swoꝛne to
kepe the same secreete. But of the thynges
intended by Prestall and Stoꝝy at that tyme,
neyther of them woulde be then knowen,
but yet Prestall affirmed that he had an art
to poyson any body a farre of, beyng not pre-
sent with them, and that none coulde do it
but he. And to shew some taste of their mis-
chiefes, a gentleman belongyng to Courtes-
uile, a secretarie to the Duke of Alua, tolde
an Englyshe man, redye also to answere the
same, that .D. Stoꝝy and Prestall were
about such matters, and such vyle treason, as
the saide partie sayde that no man coulde de-
uise worse, and that .D. Stoꝝy was suche
a wicked man as could not be found the like,
and

and that he thought verely they were about
murdering of some great persons in England.

The sayde Story also receaved certayne
letters from Prestall out of Scotland, being
written in Scottyshe, whiche are also to be
scene, and myght haue ben shewed at the ar-
raignment, yf he woulde haue ben tryed:
Which letters Story translated into latin,
and caried the same to Burels, by whiche
it was required that meanes should be made
to the Duke of Alua, to sende into Scotland
certayne Hozsmen, and a number of dagges,
to make an entry & inuasion into Englande
with the Scottes, and by the same letter Pre-
stall wrote, that the thyng whiche he tolde
D. Story in secrete woulde cost a thou-
sande markes, and that yf the Regent and
the foolyshe boy the young Kyng were dis-
patched & dead, the Scottyshe Queene were
a mariage for the best man lyuyng. Al which
wordes are conteyned in the letter transla-
ted by D. Story.

The sayde Story beyng at Burels, and
receauyng a letter from elde Porzon, a very
olde Rebelle, beyng arryued at Antwerpe,
byd sollicite certayne of the counsell about
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the Duke, for money for the reliefe of the
same Foxton and his company, and wrote
to hym to comfort hym by expresse wordes,
that where he and his company were before
but worshipfull, now they were an hono-
rable state, and had wonne double hono-
rable fame for their late enterpryse in
Englande, and that he would come shortly
to geue them their welcome to Antwerpe,
and immediatlye he procured that one. D.
Saunders, with certayne Englyshe fugi-
tyues harboured in Louain, went to Ant-
werpe to the Rebelles, and there Saunders
made to them a solemne long oration in
praise of their actes.

Stoey also declared in Antwerpe in pre-
sence of such as should haue auowed it at his
arraignment yf he would haue denyed it,
that the Rebellion shoulde be renewed in
Englande, and that at the same instant also
Irelande shoulde rebell, whereof he sayde he
was well assured by aduertisement from an
Iryshe bishop that hadde scaped out of the
Tolwe of London, and that at the same in-
stant also the Scottes shoulde with an ayde
out of Fraunce inuade Englande, and set vp
the Scottyshe Queene.

The sayde Stozy also vſed commonly this
maner of prayer after his meates, whereof
there are diuers persons rdy to witnes the
ſame that haue hearde hym, and laſtly euen
in the Boy wherein he was befoze he came
laſt into Englande, in the preſence of diuers
perſōs, that yf the Queenes Maieſtie, whom
he woulde neuer tearme but by the name of
dame Elizabeth that tooke vppon her to be
Queene, woulde not ſpeedylſe turne to
Queene Maries religion, he prayed that ſhe
myght be overcome with ſworde and ſyze,
and all that woulde take her part.

And though he myght haue ben charged
with ſundry other traytorous and haynous
conſpiracies in the lowe countreys, & with
aydyng of the Rebelles there, whereof out of
the ſaide lowe countreys aduerſement was
geuen by ſundry of good credite: yet of ſet
purpoſe no moze is aboue recited, but ſuche
thynges only as wherwith he ſhoulde haue
ben charged openly by witneſſes at his ar-
raignment, who yf he woulde haue denyed
the ſame, ſhoulde haue anſwered the whole to
his face, and in the hearyng of the Jury that
ſhoulde haue tryed hym. And howe many of
the thynges befoze recited are to be iudged
true

true & probable, it is to see by these thynges
folowynge, whiche are worde by worde ex-
tracted out of his owne confessions, subscri-
bed with his owne hande, and vttered vpon
interrogatories, without any maner of tor-
ture, or offer of torture, although at the place
of execution he vsed speche to the contrary
very vnruly, as the worshipful persons that
examined hym can well testifie, which were,

Sir Thomas Wroth knight, Maister Wil-
braham then Recorder of London, & Maister
Peter Osborne the Tresorers remembran-
cer in the Exchequer, & so can also the Lieue-
tenaunt of the Towre, as touchyng any tor-
ture.

Extracted out of D. Stories
confessions.

ix. December. 1570.

Iohn Storie the day and yere aboue writ-
ten being examined, saith that John Pres-
hall dyd wyte a letter to the sayde John
Storie, of thre sydes of a sheete of paper
as he remembreth, and directed to the sayde

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Storie,

Stoꝝ: which letter was inclosed in a letter
wꝛytten to one Hamelton a Scot that lay at
Bzuxels, foꝛ hym to peruse & seale the same,
and then to delyuer it to the sayd Stoꝝ. And
the same letter the sayde Hamelton read, and
sealed it bp, and told this examinat the effect
therof, and he bad hym open it, and reade it,
and so the sayde Hamelton dyd, vntyll he
came to a word, Boy oꝛ chylde, meanyng the
Kyng of Scottes to be made away as the said
Stoꝝ tooke it.

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Item, he sayth that Hamelton tolde hym
that Prestall had wꝛitten, that the matter
which Prestall had tolde Stoꝝ and the sayd
Hamelton that an Englyshe man now in
Irelande could do, would not be done with-
out a great sunnme of money, whiche matter
was to make the Kyng of Scottes away: foꝛ
Prestall had told this examinat and Hamel-
ton, that the Scottes woulde hardlye be re-
duced to obedience as long as the Queene of
Scottes was without an hus bande, and no
man of estimation woulde haue her so long
as the Boy lyued, and yf he were dead, he
hoped the Emperours bꝛother woulde haue
her,

her, and wylshed he myght be an entreater in that matter. And further Prestall said, that the said man nowe in Irelande had tolde the Pooles and hym the very month, the daye, and houre, that the Queene of Englande shoulde be in hazarde of her lyfe, and that the same Englyshe man could dispatch the King of Scottes for money: And beyng asked what the same Englyshe mans name was, Story sayth of trouth he knoweth not, but hath forgotten it, yet Prestal told it him; but whither he is in Irelande, or of what estate, degree, or condition he is of, he knoweth not. And further that Prestall tolde him he coulde do much with that Englyshe man in Irelande, wherein this examinat discouraged hym. And the sayde Story sayth he thynketh of his conscience that Prestall would do all the harme that he coulde to this Realme of Englande.

And further sayth, that Prestall tolde hym he would take any thyng in hand to inuade Englande, so he might haue good assistance, and not be vsed as an vnderlyng. But Prestall neuer tolde hym by what deuice Englande shoulde be inuaded.

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And moze he sayth, that Jentry and Markenfelde hath made suite to Courteuile and to Northcarne, as Northcarnes secretarie tolde hym, for the reliefe of the Portons and Peupls: and after this Courteuile called this examinat, wyllyng hym to byd Markenfeld to come to hym that day at two of the clocke, and then this examinat prayed that yf he shoulde come about the money for the reliefe of the Portons, and others, that then one Parkar myght be payed for theyr charges, and so it myght be delyuered to Parkar.

He sayth he wrote a letter to the elder Porton from Buxels, and shewed the sayde elder Porton, that he woulde be glad to do for hym euen the best that lay in the sayde Stories power to do, and that he woulde rather stay his owne suites to the Duke, then not to do the best he could for hym, and this was all the effecte of his letter to the sayde eldest Porton: but afterwarde he called to remembrance he wrote vnto him, that he was glad that he and his company were so well come into the catholyke Realme, & safely arryued there. He sayth he doth not remember that he wrote to the sayde Portons and the reste, that

that where they were before but woꝛshipful,
they were nowe woꝛthy double honoꝛ: but
he sayth it may be he dyd wꝛite so, because he
thought so: and thynkes he dyd wꝛyte vnto
them that he woulde come shortly to Ant-
werpe, & geue them their welcome, because
he meant so to do.

After Markenfelde and Jenny came ouer,
& one Leedes with hym, and first they came
to Parkers house, where the sayde Jenny
declared openly at the boorde, in the presence
of this examinat and others, the order of the
sayde late Rebellion.

And hereupon this examinat made reporte
to Porthcarnes secretarie, that the sayde
Jenny was a frende to the Catholykes and
the Carles, and is a very trusty frende, and
hath ventured his lyfe for the Catholykes.
But afterwarde this examinat perceauyng
the contrary of Jenny by a Scotte, he gaue
Porthcarnes secretarie warnyng to take
heede of Jenny.

Shortly after this, the sayde Story came
to Antwerpe to Parkers house, where syt-
tyng at dynner, the sayde elder Poxton and
some

Some other of his company came in from the Church, and one saide, this is Pozton, and thereupon this examinatur rose and gaue hym place, and bad him welcome: and so the elder Pozton sate downe in the said Stoies place.

After olde Pozton shyfted his lodging, and this examinatur, with one Shalwe Poztons sonne in lawe, went to the sayde olde Poztons lodging to dyner, and there dined with hym, and that day all their talke was of the suspition that Pozton had of Jennys firste commyng to the Rebelles in Englande from the Earle of Sussex, and so he tooke hym styl but a spyer, and to couer hym selfe with to the Duke, with labouryng for them.

He sayth that he hearde by Markenfeldes report, that the sayde Poztons and Penyls & their company, had two hundred crownes geuen them from the Duke at their firste commyng, and shoulde haue two hundred crownes moze afterwarde.

Moze he sayth, that before the Dukes last commyng to Antwerpe, the saide Stozy and Sir James Shelley beyng at Louain, were there sent for to come to. D. Saunders to
heare

heare a certayne booke read, of the reasons
that the Bull late sent ouer into Englande
should be obeyed as he suspected, and thither
the sayde Story promised to come: but that
after noone he was dyuen to go to Burels,
and so sir James Shelley went thither, and
brought worde to this examinat being with
one Leedes at dyner, that yf he had come, he
shoulde haue hearde goodly reasons that he
would haue wel lyked, about the booke that
Saunders had made.

Further the sayde Story doth say, that he
was neuer swozne to King Philip, nor to the
Duke of Alua, nor neuer by any meanes
was made kyng Philippes subiecte or deni-
zen, or otherwyse naturalized to be kyng
Philippes subiect, but remaynes only still a
subiect to the Queene of Englande.

Thus subscribed, though he
sayd otherwyse at Tyborne.

John
Story.

xx. December. 1570.

The sayde John Story this. xx. day of De-
cember beyng examined, sayth that about
two yeres sence, he dyd deale by wytyng

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with Courteulle, shewyng vnto hym that
the Catholykes in Englande dyd dayly de-
cay, and the Scismatykes dyd there daylye
encrease, and therfore yf the King of Spayne
had any meanyng to wryte to the Queene of
Englande, or otherwise to helpe to restore
religion in Englande, he shoulde do it be-
tyme, or els it woulde be to late: and eyther
he dyd wryte further, or sayde by mouth to
the sayde Courteulle, that yf the King of
Spayne dyd but come into the low countrey
out of Spayne with a number of shyppes,
the Catholykes of Englande would thynke
as this examinat thought, that he were
come to restore religion, and would take the
King of Spaynes part. And the said Story
confesseth that he wrote to Courteulle, that
if about the realme of England there might
go a number of shyppes, as men went about
Ierico, then the Catholykes of Englande
woulde take courage to prepare entry for
them that went so about with the said shyp-
pes. To which ende of entry, by the King
of Spaynes power into Englande, the saide
Story dyd wryte to Courteulle many tymes
by his letters and perswasions therein, ho-
pyng therby that either the King of Spayne
woulde wryte to the Queene of Englande to
restore

at restore the Catholyke religion, or els would
e, make some entry into England, & rescurme
e religion, according as he was bounde by his
ie title of Catholyke kyng, as the sayde Story
of thought.

Further the sayde Story sayth, that John
Bressall at such tyme as he talked with Ham-
elton and this examinat about the death of
of the kyng of Scottes as is aforesayde, when
Bressall had tolde hym as aforesayde, that
s, the Englyshe man that fledde into Irelande
had tolde the sayde Bressall, of the tyme and
re houre the Queenes Maiestie should be in pe-
he ryll of her death as is aforesayde, then Brea-
y stall sayde, that yf the sayde Englyshe man
at in Irelande myght be plyed, he could byng
ht the Queenes hyghnes to death in deede, and
ut sayde he thought surely he coule do it, and
de then this examinat sayd that was to be done
by Necromancie.

Subscribed

John
Story.

It is here to be considered also howe lyke-
ly it is that the thynges whiche he spake at
Liborne for his purgation were true, when
to at the same tyme he would haue had by his

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earnest speeches then vsed, all the hearers beleue that he vsed neuer any crueltie in Queene Marias time against any that were then burnt for religion: but as he sayde, he dyd but only chyde them, and that he was no cause of the death of any, but that the Bishoppes dyd procure the sentences of death. And howe vnttrue this speeche of his was in that behalfe as to excuse hym selfe, a number of witnesses lyuyng that manifestly saw his extreme cruelties, and some that felt thereof are very plenteous. And what his hart was towarde the Queenes Maiestie, may playnly appeare by his traytorous wordes in the parliament house, where he sayde, that yf his counsel had ben folowed, the roote should haue ben stryken downe, and not the bzaunches.

And howe horrible, traytorous, and monstrous a meanyng he had to refuse to answer at his arraignment, by refusyng his naturall alleageaunce to the Queenes Maiestie and this crowne, from which no lawe in the worlde coulde separate hym, & by avowynge that he was a subiecte to the Kyng of Spayne, it may appeare in that he sayde at his arraignment for defence of his traytorous

ous refusall of his obedience: That Kinges
were chosen at the first by the people for their
necessitie, & not the people for their kynges:
and therfore the people myght leaue their
kynges when they hadde no moze neede of
them. And so the conclusion in his opinion
serued for hym that he myght refuse his na-
turall liege lady and Queene. And so conse-
quently by that monstrous reason, all kyn-
ges may be depriued of their subiectes, or of
as many as woulde enter into that trayto-
rous & monstrous erro2, at their pleasure.
A thyng of it selfe worthe of some monst-
rous death, acco2dyng to the monstrousnes
of the treason.

Otherwysse to remember the vnworthynes
of this .D. for his long lewde lyfe in all
tymes past, is not conuenient, because he is
dead, of whom also nothyng shoulde be now
in this sort w2itten, but that by his craftye
trayto2ous doynges at his arraignment,
and by his vntuethes vttered at his death,
trueth it selfe shoulde take harme, by mista-
kyng & misreportyng: and only in fauour of
trueth haue I collected the premisses, & for
no other purpose, & so I pray you vse it acco2-
dyng as you shal thynke meete. For al those
thynges

thynges which are before recited, are man-
festly to be proued, partly by the very thy-
nges extant, and in no wyde altered, and
the rest by sufficient witness, wherof I
have hadde good regarde euen for truethe
sake, knowing that almyghtie God is the
auenger of all vntueth. 4. Iunii. 1574.

God saue the Queene.

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